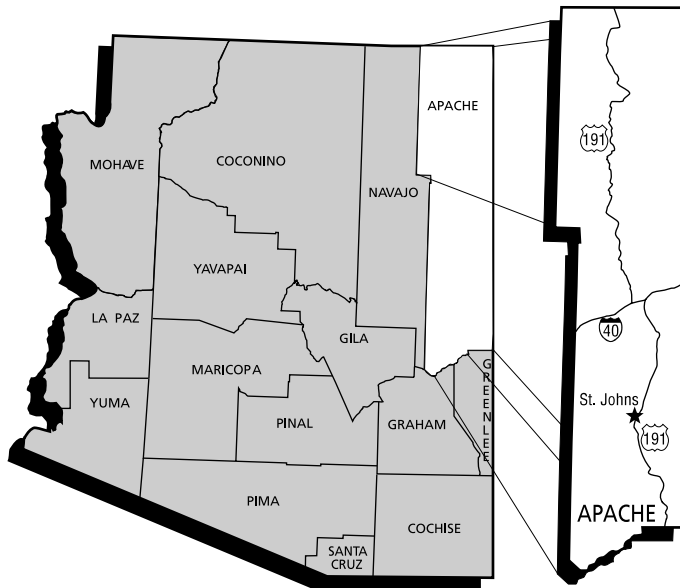


Profile:

Apache County, Arizona



Apache County was carved from Yavapai County — one of Arizona's original four counties — on Feb. 24, 1879, by the 10th Territorial Legislative Assembly. Leaders of St. Johns and Globe had petitioned for their towns to be the county seat, but the honor went temporarily to Snowflake, with the provision that an election would determine the permanent county seat. In November 1879, on the strength of votes from the mining town of Clifton (now in Greenlee County), St. Johns was designated the county seat.

Originally, Apache County encompassed all of present day Navajo County, part of Gila County and part of Graham County, but by 1895 its size had been reduced to the 11,216 square

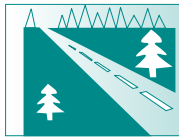
miles it occupies today. The Apache and Navajo Indian reservations cover more than 65.4 percent of the county, and 25 percent of the state's Native Americans live here. Approximately 21 percent is public land, and 13.2 percent is privately owned. All of Apache County is an Enterprise Zone.

The forested White Mountains and green pastures in the south of the county contrast sharply with the high, dry, colorful plateau region of the north. Excellent fishing, hunting and skiing make the White Mountains a year-round recreation area. Numerous archaeological sites are open to the public.

Fort Defiance, Arizona's first military post, the Town of Ganado, and Hubbell's famous trading post (now a National Historic Site) are located in northern Apache County on the Navajo Reservation. Chinle, another Indian trade center, is the gateway to the spectacular Canyon de Chelly National Monument. Also in Apache County are the spectacular Petrified Forest National Park and the Painted Desert, Window Rock, the Navajo tribal capital, and Casa Malpais Archaeological site. The Apache Indian Reservation, located in the White Mountains around the settlement of Fort Apache, includes 25 excellent fishing lakes and the Sunrise Park Ski Resort for outdoor recreation, as well as a highly successful lumber mill and a casino.

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Apache County At-A-Glance

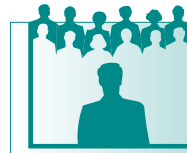
County Seat	St. Johns
Population:	66,350
Labor Force:	20,425*
Unemployment Rate:	16.0%*
Major Industries:	Tourism, Livestock, Lumbering, Government, Utilities

* Average rates for 1998. Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Incorporated Cities



Note: The Navajo Nation communities of Chinle and Window Rock/Ft. Defiance are unincorporated.



Population

	1980	1990	1998
Arizona	2,716,546	3,665,228	4,764,025
Apache County	52,108	61,591	66,350

Major Cities/Communities

Chinle, Navajo Nation	4,893	7,000	8,437*
Eagar	2,791	4,025	4,840
New Lands	N/A	N/A	1,125*
St. Johns	3,368	3,294	3,535
Springerville	1,452	1,802	2,085
Window Rock/Fort			
Defiance, Navajo Nation	N/A	7,795	13,435*

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

* Population Estimate from Navajo Nation Department of Economic Development

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	35.2%
15-24	18.2%
25-44	25.2%
45-64	14.4%
65+	7.0%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1996 Population Estimate

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	20.2%
African American	0.2%
Native American	77.6%
Asian or Pacific Islands	0.2%
Other	1.8%
Total	100%
Hispanic Heritage**	4.2%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

* Population composition is based on 1990 census

** Persons of Hispanic heritage can be of any race



Labor Force

Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,272,388	4.1%
Apache County	20,423	16.0%

Major Cities/Communities

Chinle, Navajo Nation	1,498	20.0%
Eagar	1,950	5.0%
New Lands, Navajo Nation	N/A	N/A
St. Johns	1,613	5.2%
Springerville	988	8.5%
Window Rock/Fort Defiance, Navajo Nation	3,188	15.7%

Average Employment by Sector

Manufacturing	300
Construction	550
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	500
Trade	2,050
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	725
Services and Miscellaneous	2,975
Government	11,425

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1998

Average Wage Rates for Selected Occupations

(Arizona average excluding Coconino,
Maricopa, Pima, Pinal & Yuma counties)

	Hourly Average
Accounting Clerk	\$ 9.62
Carpenter	\$ 11.95
Computer Operator	\$ 13.50
Computer Programmer	\$ 21.39
Data Entry Operator	\$ 8.67
Electrician	\$ 16.47
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$ 13.22
Secretary	\$ 9.57
Welder	\$ 14.19

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, 1997 Employer Wage Survey

Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Ft. Defiance Hospital Ft. Defiance	Health Services
Indian Health Services Chinle/Ft. Defiance	Health Services
Navajo Communications Co. Window Rock	Telephone Communications
Navajo Nation Window Rock	Governmental
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Navajo Nation	Utility
P&M Coal Co. Window Rock	Mining
Packard-Hughes Interconnect Fort Defiance	Electric Equipment & Supplies
Sage Memorial Hospital Ganado	Health Services

Salt River Project Coronado
Generating Station
St. Johns

Power

Tucson Electric Power
Springerville

Power

White Mountain
Community Hospital
Springerville

Health Services

Source: APS

Note: Employers in the county range from 100-499 employees. Employment estimate is based on a specific business location, not overall company employment.

Employment by Occupation

	% of Total
Managers & Administrative	5.53
Professional & Technical	31.40
Sales & Related Occupations	6.21
Clerical & Administrative Support	15.89
Service Occupations	13.74
Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishing	1.96
Production, Maintenance, & Material Handling	25.27

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security



Utilities

Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Continental Divide Electric Corp.	(520) 285-6656
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(520) 729-5721
Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.	(520) 368-5118

Natural Gas Service

Major Suppliers:

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority	(520) 729-5721
Southwest Gas Corporation	(520) 876-7252
Citizens Utilities Gas Division	(800) 522-4391

Water and Sewer

For information, contact the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, (520) 729-5721, or the Division of Economic Development Office, Navajo Nation, (520) 871-6544.

For additional information, see specific community profile or contact the ACES Corporation at (520) 337-2644.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:

AT&T Communications	(520) 285-5714
Citizens Telecom	(800) 921-8101
Navajo Communications Company, Inc.	(520) 871-3789
U.S. West Communications	(520) 235-3200

Source: Arizona Corporation Commission, Utility Division



Medical

Major Hospitals:

Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganado
White Mountains Community Hospital,
Springerville

(520) 755-3411

(520) 333-4368



Education

Navajo Community College
Northland Pioneer College

Tsaile: (520) 724-6630
Eagar: (520) 333-2498
St. Johns: (520) 337-4768



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 40, U.S. 60, U.S. 160, U.S. 180, U.S. 191, state Highway 61, state Highway 180A, state Highway 260, state Highway 261, state Highway 262, state Highway 264, state Highway 273, Indian Route 7, Indian Route 12, Indian Route 54, Indian Route 59, Indian Route 63

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines, Navajo Transit System, White Mountain Passenger Lines

Rail Service

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

(800) 726-8233

Trucking Service

Alpine Trucking Inc., CTI Trucking, Holiday Charles Logging, JC Trucking, Johnson Freight Lines

Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name:

Springerville Field

(520) 333-5746

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 7,051'

Ownership: Public

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

Runway: 03/21 Length: 8,400' Width: 75'

Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name:

St. Johns Industrial Airpark

(520) 337-4254

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 5,733'

Ownership: Public

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

Runway: 02/20 Length: 3,400' Width: 60'

Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name:

Window Rock

(520) 871-6466

Functional Class: Community Service

Elevation: 6,737'

Ownership: Native American

Use: Public

Nav-Aids: None

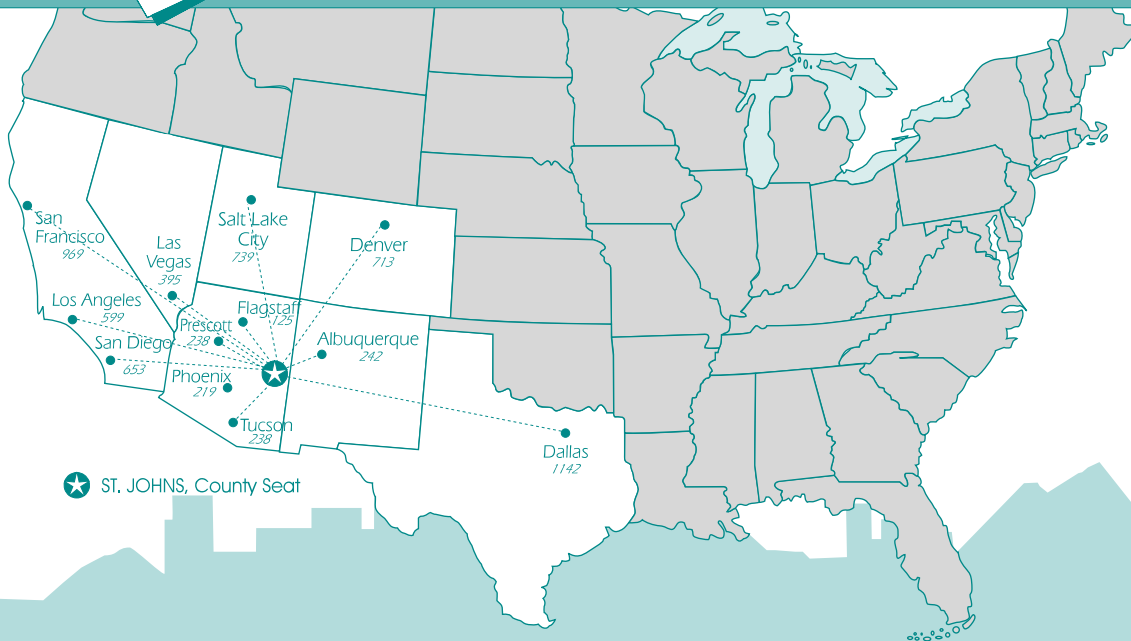
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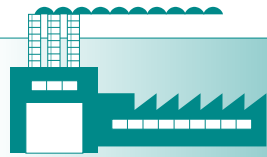
Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Distance to Major Cities





Industrial Facilities

Chinle

There is one 30-acre industrial park with electricity, gas, water, sewer and transportation services available. Contact the Navajo Nation Project Development, P.O. Box 2060, Chinle, Navajo Nation, AZ 86503; (520) 871-6968.

Springerville/Eagar

There are 221.67 acres available with all utilities. There are also ample sites with paved roads and utilities available for both commercial and industrial use. Adjoining the Springerville Municipal Airport is a 150-acre industrial park with all utilities available to first phase. There are also other sites with paved roads and utilities available for commercial and industrial use. Contact the Round Valley Chamber of Commerce (520) 333-2123.

New Lands

The New Lands is a planned community administered by the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation. For more information, call (520) 688-2413.

St. Johns

St. Johns' 80-acre industrial park has full utilities and paved roads. Commercial and industrial areas have ample room for expansion. Contact the Apache County Economic Security (ACES) at (520) 337-2644 or the city of St. Johns at (520) 337-4517.

Fort Defiance

The Fort Defiance Industrial Site, one of seven industrial sites on the Navajo Nation, is located at the intersection of Navajo Route 12 and Navajo Route 54, 30 miles north of I-40. It has for lease 28 acres with utilities available. Contact the Navajo Nation Project Development at (520) 871-6968.



Financial Authorities

Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Apache County

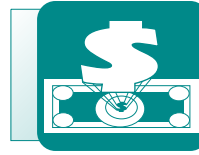
c/o Mitch Platt
P.O. Box 398
St. Johns, AZ 85936
(520) 337-4148

The Navajo Nation

Project Development Department, Division of Economic Development
P.O. Box 663
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(520) 871-5644

Commercial Banks

Bank One
Community First Bank
Frontier Bank
National Bank of Arizona
Norwest Bank



Taxes

Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax in Arizona is levied at 7 percent. The minimum amount collected by Arizona for corporate income tax is \$50.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Property Tax

Community	School District	Total Outside City	City/Fire	Total
Eagar	5.4438	7.5329	0.9145	8.4474
St. Johns	4.3064	6.3955	0.0000	6.3955
Springerville	5.4438	7.5329	0.0000	7.5329

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 1998 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

Sales Tax

Arizona has a general sales tax of 5 percent, Apache County has a 1/2 cent general sales tax. St. Johns has an additional 2 percent sales tax, while Springerville and Eagar both have an additional 3 percent sales tax and an additional 2 percent and 3 percent tax, respectively, on hotel and motel stays.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



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P.O. Box 767
75 W. Cleveland
St. Johns, AZ 85936 (520) 337-2644

City of St. Johns

P.O. Box 455
245 W. First St. South
St. Johns, AZ 85936 (520) 337-4517
www.stjohnsaz.com

Town of Eagar

174 South Main, Box 1300
Eagar, AZ 85925 (520) 333-4128

The Navajo Nation, Division of Economic Development

P.O. Box 663
Window Rock, Navajo Nation, AZ 86515 (520) 871-6968

Office of Navajo & Hopi Relocation-New Lands Office

P.O. Box 130
Sanders, AZ 86512-0130 (520) 688-2413

Town of Springerville

P.O. Box 390
23 S. Papago Street
Springerville, AZ 85938 (520) 333-2656

St. Johns Regional Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 178
180 W. Cleveland
St. Johns, AZ 85936 (520) 337-2000

Round Valley Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 31
418 E. Main St.
Springerville, AZ 85938 (520) 333-2123

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